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Circular R4

Copyright Fees

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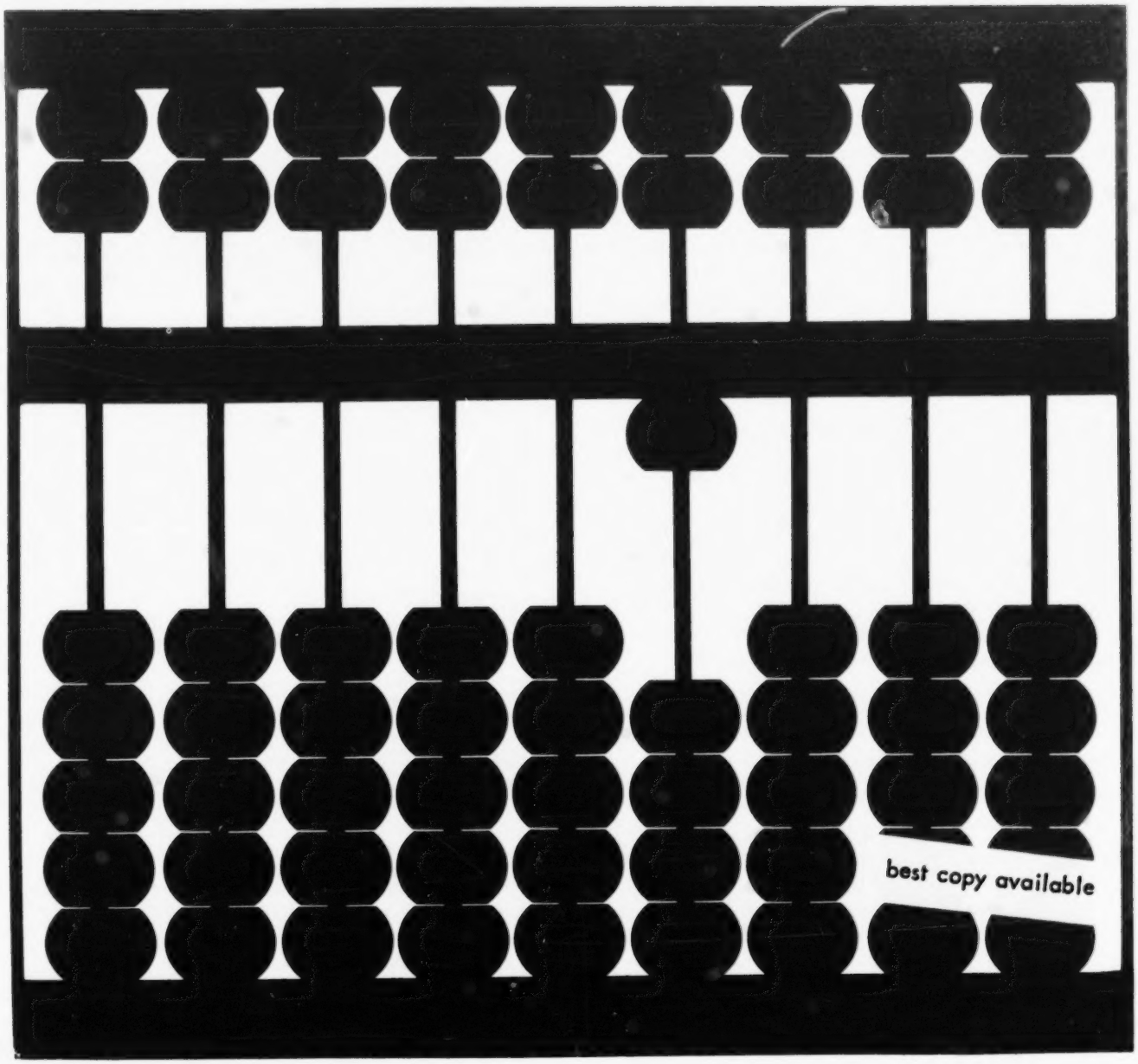

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IN GENERAL

The Copyright Act of 1976 (title 17, United States Code), established statutory fees for services provided by the Copyright Office. These services include registering claims to copyright and renewal of claims, as well as recordation of documents, searches of copyright records, and other services.

All remittances should be sent in the form of a check, money order, or bank draft payable to: **Register of Copyrights.**

The nonrefundable **special handling fee,** explained below, must be paid by **certified** check, cashier's check, or money order payable to the Register of Copyrights, or if paid in person in the Public Information Office, in cash.

The Copyright Office cannot assume any responsibility for the loss of currency sent in payment of copyright fees. If you are submitting material from outside the United States, please arrange for your remittances to be payable immediately in United States dollars. Your remittance may be in the form of an International Money Order or a draft on a United States bank. We cannot accept a check drawn on a foreign bank.

If a check received in payment of the registration fee is returned to the Copyright Office as uncollectible, the Copyright Office will take immediate steps to cancel the registration and will notify the remitter.

The fee for registration of an original, supplemental, or renewal claim is nonrefundable, whether or not copyright registration is ultimately made.

REGISTRATION OF COPYRIGHT CLAIMS

For each registration and renewal you will receive a certificate bearing the Copyright Office seal.

Registration $10.00
(including supplementary registration)

Renewals ..... $ 6.00
For the registration under section 304(a) of a claim to renewal of a subsisting copyright in its first term.

For further information about copyright registration procedures, request Circular R1 from:

Publications Section, LM-455
Copyright Office
Library of Congress
Washington, D.C. 20559

RECORDATION OF DOCUMENTS

For each recordation you will receive a certificate.

A document which relates to any disposition of a copyright, such as a transfer, will, or license, may be recorded in the Copyright Office (for more information, write for Circular R12).

The fees for such recordations are as follows:

Basic Fee $10.00
For the recordation, under section 205, of a document of six pages or less listing no more than one title.

Additional Pages or Titles ..... $ .50
For each page over six and each title over one.

CERTIFICATIONS

Additional Certificate ..... $ 4.00
Certified copy of the record of registration.

Other Certifications ..... $ 4.00
(including certifications of photocopies of Copyright Office records)

NOTE: Unless the number and year of registration are furnished to the Copyright Office, there is an additional charge of $10 for each hour or fraction required to locate the record.

For more information about this service, write or telephone:
Certifications and Documents Section, LM-402
Copyright Office
Library of Congress
Washington, D.C. 20559
(202) 287-6787

SEARCHES

For each search you will receive a report.

The Reference and Bibliography Section will, upon request, estimate the fee required for a search; the fee must be received before the search is undertaken.

Hourly Fee $10.00
For each hour or fraction spent by the staff of the Copyright Office in searching the official records and for the making and reporting of a search.

NOTE: Searches are not ordinarily made (and are not necessary under the copyright law) to determine whether a similar work has already been copyrighted.

For more information about this service, write or telephone:
Reference and Bibliography Section, LM-450
Copyright Office
Library of Congress
Washington, D.C. 20559
(202) 287-6850

FILING OF NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MAKE PHONORECORDS

Fee ..... $ 6.00
For the filing, under section 115(b), of a notice of intention to make phonorecords.

IMPORT STATEMENTS

Fee ..... $ 3.00
For the issuance under section 601, of an import statement.

RECEIPT FOR DEPOSITS

Fee ..... $ 2.00
For the issuance under section 407, mandatory deposit for the Library of Congress, of a receipt for deposit.

OTHER FEE PROVISIONS

Section 708(a)(11) authorizes the Register to fix additional fees, on the "basis of the cost of providing the service," "for any other special services requiring a substantial amount of time or expense."

SPECIAL HANDLING

Special handling of (1) an application for registration of a claim to copyright, (2) an application for issuance of an import statement, or (3) a request for recordation of documents pertaining to a copyright is granted at the discretion of the Register of Copyrights in a limited number of cases involving pending or prospective litigation, customs matters, or contract or publishing deadlines.

Special Handling

Registration $200.00
(plus the $10.00 fee for registration or $6.00 for renewal registration)

Additional Fee ..... $ 50.00
For each claim given special handling if a single deposit copy covers multiple claims and special handling is requested only for one. (This charge may be avoided by submitting a separate deposit copy.)

Issuance of an Import Statement ..... $ 50.00
- when accompanied by a Form TX for which a request for special handling (and the $200 special handling fee) is submitted
- when submitted alone (where registration has been completed) $100.00
- plus the $3.00 fee for issuance of the import statement ..... $ 3.00

Recordation of a Document $200.00
plus recordation fee for a document of six

pages or less, covering no more than one title, $10; for each page over six and each title over one, $.50 additional.

Requests for special handling should be made in the Public Information Office, LM-401, Library of Congress, or by mail to:

Library of Congress
Department DS
Washington, D.C. 20540
Attention: Receiving and Processing Division Office, LM-435

Requests for special handling must include all of the details of the litigation as well as the reasons for the request; the request must include a written certification (a signed statement that the details are correct to the best of the requestor's knowledge).

For more information about special handling, write for the policy decision on special handling, ML-341, or call the Public Information Office at (202) 287-8700.

REFUNDS

Fees remitted to the Copyright Office for original, basic, supplementary, or renewal registration and for special handling will not be refunded. Payments made by mistake or in excess of the statutory fee will be refunded. For more information, see 37 C.F.R. 201.6 and 17 U.S.C. 702, 708(c).

FULL-TERM RETENTION OF COPYRIGHT DEPOSITS

Fee $135.00

For the full-term retention of copyright deposits under section 704(e).

The Copyright Office policy is to retain published copyright deposits for 5 years; unpublished deposits, however, are ordinarily kept for the full copyright term. Registrants who wish to ensure that the Copyright Office will keep their published deposits for the full length of the copyright term (assumed to be 75 years) must pay a fee to cover storage costs.

Requests for full-term retention should be made to:

Chief, Information & Reference Division
Copyright Office
Library of Congress
Washington, D.C. 20559
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